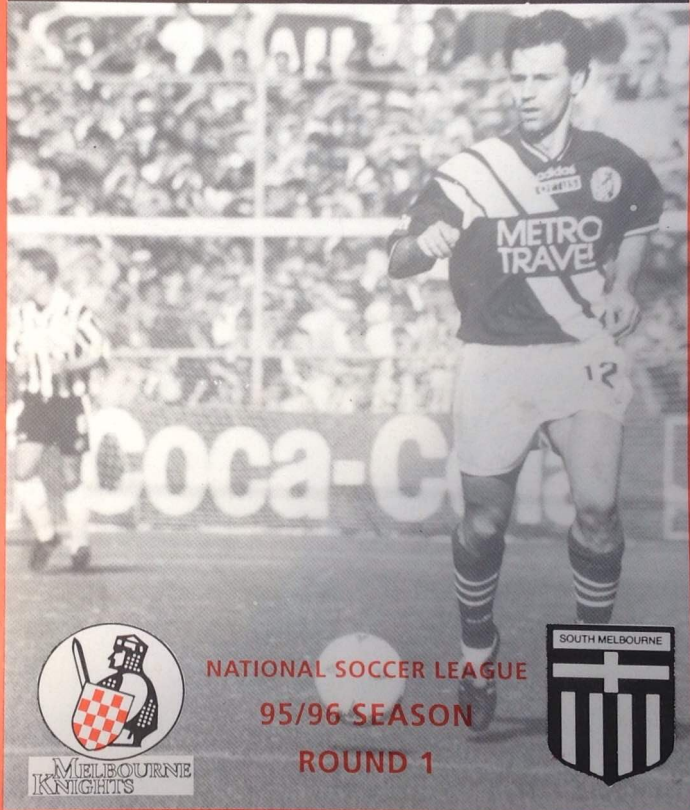


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In years gone by the supporters have lacked an avenue to express their views and opinions. But no more! Corner Kick has arrived.

Corner Kick is your opportunity to pose questions which interest you, our club supporter. If you would like to know something or possibly have a worthwhile opinion to express please write to "Corner Kicks" Lot 2 Somers street, North Sunshine 3020. Preference will be given to concise letters and all mail must be sent with name address and contact phone number.

PLAY OF THE WEEK

As a soccer supporter I want to know who, if in fact anyone benefits from the changes introduced by Soccer Australia? How do the Melbourne clubs gain anything from these changes and most of all what do the Melbourne Knights gain? In short who wins?

John (Taylors Lakes)

These are questions which all clubs are faced with John and I wish there was a simple answer. Let us take two of the questions raised. As a result of the changes the Knights have an extra three home games, (16 in total). Some clubs will actually play 17 home games. In the mean time we have lost two Melbourne based clubs and their supporters at our home games. Financially this means that monetary gain involved in playing two more Melbourne based clubs has been eliminated from the equation. To be quite candid I cannot foresee that the ex

Heidelberg Zebras supporters will now follow the Knights or South Melbourne as they rightfully feel hard done by.

On a brighter note the points system from last year has been put out of its misery and some semblance of normality has returned with 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw, and 0 for a loss. Gone is the breathtaking concept of the penalty shootout which had viewers on the edge of their seats and stuffed up program scheduling.

At the end of the day only time will tell on the benefits of the changes. Let's hope soccer is the winner because after all the only thing a supporter ever wanted was to see soccer played at its highest level and in its purest form.
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Remember if you would like to participate in Corner Kick write to Corner Kick Lot 2 Somers street North Sunshine 3020.

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GM's MESSAGE

Round one has finally arrived which means there is only 32 rounds remaining. I would like to welcome you all to what promises to be one of the best season yet.

Matching last seasons success is going to be no easy feat. The Melbourne Knights have lost some big names in Viduka, Horvat and Marusic from last years championship team. Coach Mirko Bazic has great faith in his chargers and believes that the Knights will once again be a dominant force in the league.

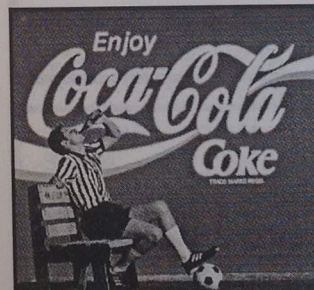
The Melbourne Knights have set as one of the goals for the 1995/96 season to become a more professional organisation both on and off the park. This year we have introduced a comprehensive membership/season ticket setup which will allow our supporters to show their true colours. The message to our supporters is that the best way to show support for the Knights is by

aligning yourselves with the National Champions in the form of a membership/season ticket. There are a variety of levels in the membership structure and application forms are available at the club. Enquiries can be directed to the club on 9312 3584 or via facsimile 9312 3703. By the way if you are trying to identify a member look for the person that doesn't have to wait in queue to purchase an entry ticket.

For those of you that are not aware the Melbourne Knights will be playing in a different colour away strip. The chosen colour is black and once again Adidas has done a great job in designing the strip.

I wish the Melbourne Knights all the best for the 1995/96 season and look forward to your support.

Mirko Cugura



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6. Andrew MARTH (c)
7. Mark SILIC
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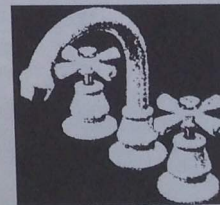
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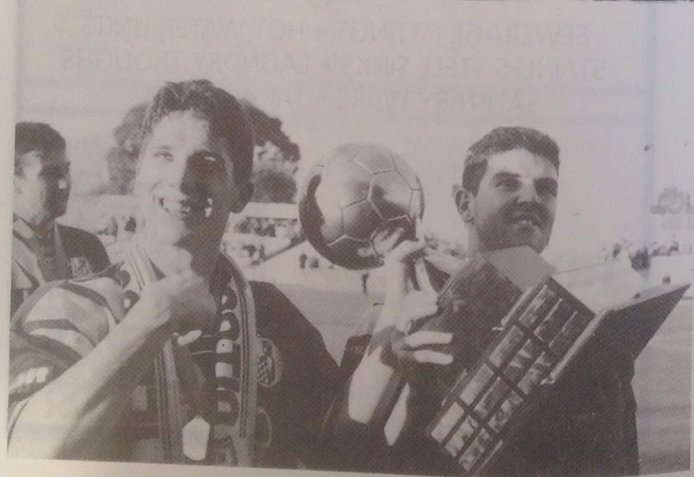
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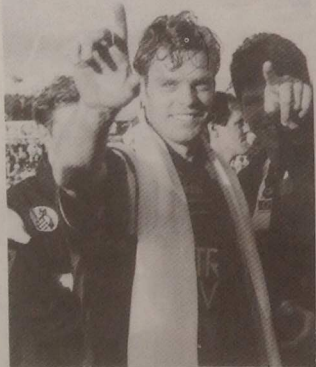


PLAYER PROFILE

MARTH DETERMINED TO LEAD KNIGHTS TO ANOTHER TITLE

Melbourne Knights skipper Andrew Marth knows that after last years ground breaking championship season, season 1995-96 will definitely be a tough one.

"After last season, everyone will want to beat the 'Melbourne Knights'," he said. "But were determined to maintain our mantle as champions and were going to go out there each week, take each game at a time and hopefully come out with a win."



"The boys are quite confident," he said. "We've had a hard pre-season and we're looking forward to the new season, now that it's (the court challenges) all been sorted out."

Marth said all the preseason legal challenges and injunctions by the expelled NSL clubs had an unsettling effect on the club.

"Without a doubt. Obviously, you're doing pre-season to a plan, and the coach plans the pre-season to a starting date," he said.

"We've been pushing ourselves quite hard and hopefully we'll be prepared for the new season." Marth admitted there would be pressure on him and the club to maintain a high standard of performance that was achieved last year. He said that with the loss of Mark Viduka and Steve Horvat, the club needed to regroup and focus on the challenges ahead.

"The strength of the team is its togetherness," he said. "Obviously, Mark and Steve are a great loss, but the boys are great together, really tight knit."

Marth said he was looking forward to captaining the team for yet another season. "Am I looking forward? Oh, without a doubt," he said. "Being captain of the best team in Australia is an honour and hopefully we can do it again this year and make everyone at the club proud."

And the main challenge to the Knights' crown?

"I think the major threat will be Brisbane," he said. They've been doing pre-season training for over three months, have a strong youthful squad, are well-coached and have star player in Frank Farina. "South Melbourne will also be up there this year also and maybe Adelaide. As for the clubs that will struggle, Canberra will have a tough time," he said.

"Last time I heard, the didn't have a team yet."

-Kris Perkovic



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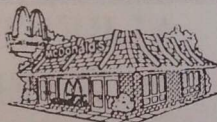
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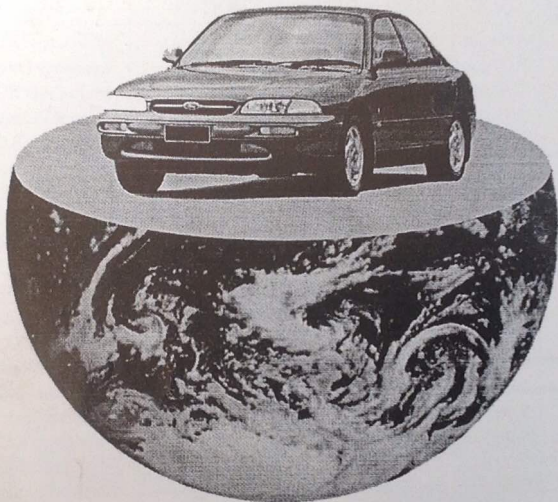
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FIXTURES FOR MELBOURNE KNIGHTS IN 1995/96

ROUND	TIME	DAY	DATE	VERSUS	AT
1	7.00 pm	Sunday	08/10	Sth Melb	Melb.Croat S.C
2	7.00 p.m	Sunday	15/10	UTS Olympic	Leichardt Oval
3	7.30 p.m	Wed	18/10	Marconi	Melb.Croat SC
4	7.73 p.m	Sunday	22/10	West Adelaide	Hindmarsh Stad.
5	7.00 p.m	Sunday	29/10	Brisbane Strikers	Melb.Croat S.C
6	7.45 p.m	Friday	03/11	Newcastle Breakers	Austral Park
7	7.00 p.m	Sunday	12/11	Sydney United	Syd.Croat S.C
8	7.00 p.m	Sunday	19/11	Morwell Falcons	Melb.Croat S.C
9	7.30 p.m	Sunday	26/11	Adelaide City	Hindmarsh Stad.
10	7.00 p.m	Sunday	03/12	Canberra Cosmos	Melb.Croat SC
11	7.30 p.m	Sunday	03/12	Wollongong City	Brandon Park
12	7.00 p.m	Sunday	10/12	South Melbourne	Lakeside Stad.
13	7.00 p.m	Sunday	17/12	UTS Olympic	Melb.Croat S.C
14	7.00 p.m	Saturday	23/12	Marconi	Marconi Stad.
15	7.00 p.m	Tuesday	26/12	West Adelaide	Melb.Croat S.C
16	7.00 p.m	Saturday	30/12	Brisbane Strikers	Suncorp Stad.
17	7.00 p.m	Sunday	07/01/96	Newcastle Breakers	Melb.Croat S.C
18	7.00 p.m	Sunday	04/02	Sydney United	Melb.Croat S.C
19	7.00 p.m	Saturday	10/02	Morwell Falcons	Morwell Falcons
20	7.00 p.m	Sunday	18/02	Adelaide City	Melb.Croat SC
21	7.00 p.m	Saturday	24/02	Canberra Cosmos	Bruce Stadium
22	7.00 p.m	Sunday	03/03	Wollongong City	Melb.Croat SC
23	7.00 p.m	Sunday	10/03	South Melbourne	Melb.Croat SC
24	7.30 p.m	Wed	13/03	UTS Olympic	Leichardt Oval
25	7.00 p.m	Sunday	17/03	Marconi	Melb.Croat SC
26	7.30 p.m	Sunday	24/03	West Adelaide	Hindmarsh Stad.
27	7.30 p.m	Wed	20/03	Brisbane Strikers	Melb.Croat SC
28	7.45 p.m	Friday	29/03	Newcastle Breakers	Austral Park
29	7.00 p.m	Saturday	06/04	Sydney United	Syd. Croat S.C
30	7.00 p.m	Monday	08/04	Morwell Falcons	Melb.Croat SC
31	7.30 p.m	Sunday	14/04	Adelaide City	Hindmarsh
32	7.00 p.m	Sunday	21/04	Canberra Cosmos	Melb.Croat SC
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